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MEMORANDUM

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To: All State Fire Marshal Personnel
All Certified Fire Prevention Bureaus
All Licensed Fire Alarm, Sprinkler and Hood Suppression Contractors

From: Stephen Gogreve, Manager of Inspections
Felicia Cooper, Deputy State Fire Marshal Administrator

Re: Emergency Procedures due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita for Replacement of
Fire Alarm, Automatic Sprinkler Systems, Hood Suppression Systems

Approved by: Henry Fry, Deputy Assistant Secretary

Due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, many facilities require replacement of **entire systems or components** that typically cannot be processed using the standard exemption form for fire alarm, sprinkler systems, and hood suppression systems. On an emergency basis, **licensed contractors** may submit an exemption request explaining the scope of work and this office will grant a "go to work order" so that immediate installation may begin prior to plan submittal. **Contractors will be allowed a 60-day grace period to submit plans.** This "go to work process" will include facilities in areas of the state that may have to add buildings or will include buildings that may change use due to displacement of storm victims. **As the need for interim protocol is consistent with rebuilding efforts, the deadline for these procedures to remain in effect has been extended until May 31, 2006.**

This office realizes that areas of the state that were not directly hit by Hurricanes Katrina or Rita also have need for change of use or temporary occupancy of facilities for displaced residents and businesses. This memo shall apply to all areas of the state directly and indirectly affected by the hurricanes. The purpose of this action is to expedite construction processing as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and is in no way intended to relieve the contractor from full code compliance. All other matters will be handled as usual.

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